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New Warden Named to Luther Luckett Correctional Complex

Blackburn Gets African –American Female as Deputy Warden

Frankfort, KY -- The Kentucky Department of Corrections announced that Larry Chandler has been appointed as Warden of the Luther Luckett Correctional Complex (LLCC) in LaGrange effective March 25, 1999.

He comes to LLCC from the Green River Correctional Complex (GRCC) in Muhlenberg County where he also served as warden for the last 3 years.

Warden Chandler began his career with the Department of Corrections in March 1982 as a correctional officer at the Kentucky State Reformatory. He later progressed through the ranks to Administrative Captain.

His career in Corrections also included serving as Assessment Center Lieutenant, Internal Affairs Lieutenant, Emergency Squad Commander and Shift Captain.

In March 1991, Chandler was promoted to the position of Deputy Warden II at Bell County Forestry Camp. He was transferred and promoted to the position of Deputy Warden III at GRCC, and assisted with the opening of that facility in June 1994. Two years later, he was promoted to Warden at GRCC where he has been until his recent appointment to Luther Luckett.

"Warden Chandler is a dedicated corrections employee who brings a wide variety

of experience to this position,” said the Department of Corrections Commissioner Doug Sapp. “He has done a tremendous job as GRCC warden and I am certain he will provide the same outstanding leadership and management attributes to the Luthel Lockett institution.”

Warden Chandler replaces former LLCC Warden Robert Conley who resigned in March 1999.

The Department also named a female African-American, Patricia Turpin, to serve as Deputy Warden of the Blackburn Correctional Complex (BCC) in Lexington.

Ms. Turpin, an eighteen-year corrections veteran, begins her new position as deputy warden of the Lexington facility starting today. She replaces former Deputy Warden Gary Davenport who retired in February of this year.

In 1981, she began her career in the Department as a Correctional Officer at BCC after receiving her BS in Corrections and an AA in Police Administration at EKU. A year later, she was promoted to Classification & Treatment Officer (CTO). She continued on an upward path at Blackburn—serving as CTO Senior and later as Unit Administrator II.

In 1997, she was promoted to Correctional Program Administrator for the VINE (Victim Information and Notification System). Kentucky was the first state to have a statewide system for notifying victims.

Next month, Ms. Turpin will receive her MA in Public Administration from KSU. She has received numerous awards for her work with the VINE system including three Commissioner awards and letters of recommendation. On March 25, 1999, she received an award from the Kentucky Victim Coalition for outstanding service to victims.

“The Department strives to recognize its employees who demonstrate remarkable talents,” commented Commissioner Sapp. “Ms. Turpin is a fine example of such remarkable talent and we are pleased to have her serve in her new role as Deputy Warden at Blackburn.”

Ms. Turpin is also a member of the Kentucky Council on Crime and Delinquency; the Kentucky Victim Coalition and the American Correction Association (ACA). She and her husband, Ben, reside in Lexington.